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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Rudakov, *et al.*

EXAMINER: Unknown

SERIAL NO.: Not Yet Assigned

ART UNIT: Unknown

FILED: Concurrently Herewith

FOR: **COMPOSITE EXPANDABLE DEVICE WITH  
POLYMERIC COVERING AND BIOACTIVE  
COATING THEREON, DELIVERY  
APPARATUS AND METHOD**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of the above-referenced patent application filed herewith, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks below.

In the specification:

On page 1, prior to the paragraph on lines 1-3, add the following paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/385,691 filed August 30, 1999, which is incorporated herein in its entirety.--

On page 7, at the end of the sentence on line 35, please insert the following paragraphs concerning the treatment method from Application Serial No. 09/385,692, filed August 30, 1999, now issued. The treatment method of Application Serial No. 09/385,692 is specifically referred to and thereby incorporated into the present application on page 7, lines 31-35. The material from the cited application is found on page 3, line 2 - page 11, line 37, and includes Figures 1